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Applicant	Hans-Wulf Pfeiffer
Application No. 09/929,267	Filing Date: August 14, 2001
Title of Application:	Method Of Increasing The Boundary Layer Strength On Surfaces Of Workpieces Made Of Brittle Hard Materials
Confirmation No. 9985	Art Unit: 1731
Examiner	John Hoffmann

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**Petition to Revive Patent Application for
Unintentional Delay Under (37 CFR 1.137(b))**

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 25, 2005, which has a two month period for response. The abandonment date of this application was February 26, 2006 (i.e., the day after the expiration date of the period set for response plus any extensions of time obtained therefore). Applicant first discovered that the application had gone abandoned on or about March 16, 2005.

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Applicant Hereby Petitions for Revival of This Application

1. **Petition Fee.** The requisite fee for filing the present petition is \$1,500.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(m).

2. **Proposed Response.** The proposed Response to the above noted Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and Substitute Appeal Brief is enclosed herewith.

4. **Fee Enclosed.** Enclosed is a credit card authorization for \$1,500.00 representing the fee set forth in Paragraph 1 above. If there is any fee deficiency, please charge Account No. 19-4516.

5. **Verified Statement.** Because this petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was filed (A) within 3 months of the date the applicant was first aware that the application was abandoned, and (B) within 1 year of the date of abandonment of the application, detailed information as to the cause of the delay is not being provided pursuant to MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(D). Should the Commissioner require such detailed information, such will be provided.

(a) On information and belief, the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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